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SUBJ: STATUS OF TOGO/DAHOMY BORDER

REF A. LOME 2614 B. COTONOU 1788 C. STATE 277894 D. COTONOU 1756

1. RE QUESTION POSED REF C, GHANAIAN CHARGE INFORMS US THAT GHANAIAN TRUCKS HAVE BEEN UNABLE TO CROSS TOGO/DAHOMY BORDER FOR SOME TIME. FORTY WESTBOUND GHANAIAN TRUCKS ARE STUCK IN DAHOMEY, EACH WITH A CREW OF TWO. HE HAS BEEN PAYING ALL 80 MEN A GHANAIAN GOVT SUBSISTENCE ALLOWANCE BUT HIS FUNDS ARE ALMOST EXHAUSTED. WITH REGARD TO EASTBOUND GHANAIAN TRUCKS, HE SAID THEY HAVE BEEN ABLE TO RETURN FROM THE TOGO-LESE SIDE OF THE DAHOMEY BORDER TO THEIR HOME BASES IN GHANA.

2. WE HAVE NO RECENT INFO FROM DAHOMEAN SOURCES CONCERNING THIS MATTER. SINCE THE BORDER QUESTION IS BEING TREATED IN DAHOMEY ENTIRELY AS A SENSITIVE SECURITY MATTER, NORMAL SOURCES LIKE THE CUSTOMS SERVICE, THE IMMIGRATION OFFICE, AND THE FOREIGN MINISTRY HAVE UNSUALLY PROVED TO BE ILL INFORMED.

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3. COMMENT: WE SEE LITTLE PROSPECT THAT THE TOGO/DAHOMY

BORDER ISSUE WILL BE SETTLED IN NEAR FUTURE. THERE ARE NOW
RUMORS THAT THE DAHOMEAN GOVT PLANS TO ISSUE A REPORT ON
THE ALLEGED OCT COUP PLOT ABOUT NOV 30. IT IS SAID TO CONTAIN
CHARGES THAT TOGOLESE PRES EYADEMA WAS INVOLVED. IF SUCH A
REPORT COMES OUT, DYADEMA MIGHT WELL DECIDE TO KEEP HIS SIDE
OF THE FRONTIER CLOSED NO MATTER WHAT THE DAHOMEANS DO. END
COMMENT.

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